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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter, which is claimed in the attached application and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**NURSING GARMENT AND SUPPORT BRA**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1.56(a) and 1.56(b).

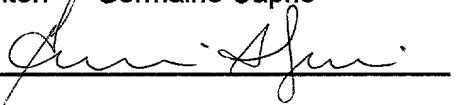
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mailing address and telephone number is Leon I. Edelson, Levenfeld Pearlstein, P.O. Box 0212, Chicago, Illinois 60690-0212, Telephone Number: 312-456-0559, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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In Re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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For: NURSING GARMENT AND SUPPORT BRA

**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office, with regard to the invention entitled NURSING GARMENT AND SUPPORT BRA described in the Specification filed herewith.

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Signature of Inventor:



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